

Amendments to the claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of claims:

1. (Currently Amended) An apparatus for pivotally securing a gutter to a fascia, such that it may be pivotally moved between a first ~~[[()]]draining[()]]~~ position and a second ~~[[()]]cleaning[()]]~~ position, said apparatus ~~including~~comprising:

a bracket adapted to be attached to said fascia, having an arm outwardly extending therefrom;

a connector adapted to be attached to said gutter;

a hinge provided at a remote end of said arm, pivotally connecting said connector to said bracket; and,

a releasable locking means, to releasably lock said gutter in said first ~~[[()]]draining[()]]~~ position, said releasable locking means including a swivel lock attached to said connector and which is adapted to protrude through an elongated orifice within said bracket, such that, when in the first draining position, said swivel lock may be rotated such that said connector is prevented from moving apart from said bracket.

2. (Original) An apparatus as claimed in claim 1, wherein said arm of said bracket extends outwards from said fascia to a distance which is less than the width of said gutter.

3. (Currently Amended) An apparatus as claimed in claim 1, wherein said gutter includes an integrally formed connection means for pivotal attachment of said gutter to said hinge ~~means~~ on of said arm.

4. (Previously Presented) An apparatus as claimed in claim 1, further including a connection means which is adapted to be secured to said gutter and to said hinge means.

5. (Original) An apparatus as claimed in claim 4, wherein said connection means is shaped to substantially surround and thereby support said gutter therein.

6. (Currently Amended) An apparatus as claimed in claim 5, wherein the extremities of said connection means are formed with deformable tabs thereon, which are adapted to be deformed

to at least partially surround lips formed on the edges of said ~~gutter's~~ gutter walls.

7. (Currently Amended) An apparatus as claimed in ~~claims~~ claim 1, wherein said apparatus is shaped to complement the profile of the gutter to which it is attached.

8. (Currently Amended) An apparatus as claimed in ~~claims~~ claim 1, wherein said arm extends outwards from said ~~connection means~~ fascia in a substantially L-shaped configuration.

9. (Currently Amended) A gutter adapted to be pivotally secured to a fascia such that it can be pivoted between a first ~~[[()]]draining[()]]~~ position and a second ~~[[()]]cleaning[()]]~~ position, said gutter ~~including~~ comprising:

connector means associated with said gutter which is adapted to cooperate with a hinge, the hinge being provided at a remote end of an arm of a bracket, an outer end of which is attached to ~~a said~~ fascia, and

~~whereby said gutter is releasably locked to said bracket in said first (draining) position~~
a releasable locking means, to releasably lock said gutter to said bracket in said first draining position, said releasable locking means including a swivel lock attached to said connector and which is adapted to protrude through an elongated orifice within said bracket, such that, when in the first draining position, said swivel lock may be rotated such that said connector means is prevented from moving apart from said bracket.

10. (Original) A gutter as claimed in claim 9, wherein said arm of said bracket extends outwards from said fascia to a distance which is less than the width of said gutter.

11. (Currently Amended) A guttering system which enables pivotal movement of a gutter component between a first ~~[[()]]draining[()]]~~ position and a second ~~[[()]]cleaning[()]]~~ position, said guttering system ~~including~~ comprising:

a least one gutter component, including straight gutter components, corner gutter components and shaped gutter components;

connector means attached to each said gutter component;

at least one bracket, for attachment to a fascia, said bracket having an outwardly extending arm;

a hinge provided at a remote end of each said arm; and,

a releasable locking means, to releasably lock each said gutter component in said first

[[([)]draining([)]]] position, said releasable locking means including a swivel lock attached to said connector and which is adapted to protrude through an elongated orifice within said bracket, such that, when in the first draining position, said swivel lock may be rotated such that said connector is prevented from moving apart from said bracket.

12. (Currently Amended) A guttering system as claimed in claim 11, wherein each said gutter component pivots substantially upwardly and outwardly from a pivotal axis which is displaced outwards from a said fascia to which said guttering system is affixed.

13. (Original) A guttering system as claimed in claim 11, wherein said arm of said bracket extends outwards from said fascia to a distance which is less than the width of said gutter.

14. (Currently Amended) A guttering system as claimed in claim 11, wherein ~~the or each~~ gutter component is adapted to pivotally move relative to compatible ancillary components ~~including, but not limited to, corner gutter components, downpipe components, etc.~~

15. (Original) A guttering system as claimed in claim 14, wherein a seal is provided between said respective gutter components and/or said compatible ancillary components.

16. (Currently Amended) A method of cleaning a gutter, ~~including the steps of~~ said gutter being pivotal between a first draining position and a second cleaning position, said gutter comprising:

a bracket adapted to be attached to said fascia, having an arm outwardly extending therefrom;

a connector adapted to be attached to said gutter;

a hinge provided at a remote end of said arm, pivotally connecting said connector to said bracket; and,

a releasable locking means, to releasably lock said gutter in said first draining position, said releasable locking means including a swivel lock attached to said connector and which is adapted to protrude through an elongated orifice within said bracket, such that, when in the first draining position, said swivel lock may be rotated such that said connector is prevented from moving apart from said bracket;

said method comprising the steps of:

unlocking a locking means of said gutter from a first [[([)]draining([)]]] position;

pivoting said gutter to a second cleaning position, such that the gutter is disposed outwardly relative to its draining position;

removing ~~leaves~~ debris from said gutter;

returning said gutter to said first ~~[[()]]draining[()]]~~ position; and,

relocking said releasable locking means.

17. (Canceled).